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REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

NO LEGION BLACKLIST?

James O'Neil, a former national commander of the Legion and publisher of its national magazine, told the House Committee on Un-American Activities that the Legion "never associated with blacklisting" of Hollywood personages. His testimony was given as the result of the House committee's "study" of the Fund for the Republic's recently published "Report on Blacklisting."

Shortly before O'Neil testified there were dispatches from Philadelphia telling of Legion posts' campaign against the appearance in a stage play of Gale Sondergaard, whose husband pleaded the Fifth Amendment in 1947 before the House committee, and who later did the same herself.

This action by the Philadelphia Legion posts led a writer in *Labor Daily* to state that "having helped in getting Communists and 'associates' of Communists barred from employment in the movie, television and radio industries, the American Legion and other private groups may be turning their attention to the theater."

IS SHE DANGEROUS?

So far the only charge against Gale Sondergaard is that she pleaded the Fifth Amendment when asked whether she was a Communist. But let us assume that she had openly confessed herself a Communist, should she be debarred from appearing as an actress?

That is the question which Americans must increasingly ask themselves now that the Supreme Court has ruled that even in Government posts it is the "sensitive" ones which must be watched, not the routine minor ones. And if an actress recites lines written by someone else, is hers a "sensitive" post in the entertainment world?

In trade unions many members who will battle to the last ditch to prevent a Communist or flagrant fellow traveler from becoming an officer of a union will take it for granted that some rank and file members are Communists, and will take no steps to get them ousted from the union.

BELGRANO'S BLAST

The standards of judgment in these matters by Legion leaders are too often preposterous. Take F. N. Belgrano Jr., never known in Oakland as a liberal or friend of labor, chairman of the board of Transamerica and a former national commander of the Legion. At the recent state convention of the Legion Belgrano took occasion to denounce not only "the Communists, the Fascists and the Socialists," as he lumped them, but others who, he declared, are spreading "alien doctrines dangerous to this country."

One wonders who these dreadful spreaders of "alien doctrines" are, and learns from Belgrano that "the most dangerous, in my opinion, are known as the economic planners, the social planners and the welfare planners."

New Dealers, in short, labor people, and most Democrats!

Printing at Local Shops Is Urged

Roy Heinrichs, Typographical 36, secretary of the Allied Printing Trades Council here, told the Central Labor Council this week that he is distressed to note that some unions are sending their job work to Chicago, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Cincinnati, and other far away places. He suggested that the officers of such unions would do well to put their work out to union shops here.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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THE THREE YOUNG PEOPLE shown above will be guests of honor at the 1956 convention of the California State Federation of Labor, AFL, to be held in Long Beach, August 13-17. They are winners of the sixth annual scholarship contest sponsored by the state AFL for high school seniors in California and Hawaii. From left to right they are: Rochelle Leiter, North Hollywood High School, North Hollywood; Eldon Clingan, Merced Union High School, Merced; and Peggy Jean Bosworth, St. Mary's High School, Stockton. All three will receive \$500 awards to advance their college education.

Restaurants, Taverns Struck In Oakland and North County

Some 4000 restaurant and tavern employees went on strike Monday noon against establishments in Oakland, Berkeley, and all parts of the county north of 105th avenue, except an area around the University of California. South of 105th avenue a settlement was reached recently by Hayward Culinary and Bartenders 823.

The unions on strike are Cooks 228, Culinary Alliance 31, and Bartenders 852; they constitute the Joint Board of which H. J. Badger, Cooks 228, is secretary-treasurer. Badger said that as soon as the strike was called many establishments began signing up with the union.

Badger said that the vote of union members for the strike was 3002 to 404, and throughout the negotiations the sentiment for a strike if a satisfactory settlement could not be reached had been overwhelming.

The striking unions are asking a 5 percent increase, and the highest the employers have offered is 2 percent.

Picketing was being set up, said Badger, at the discretion of the unions.

It is estimated between 1400 and 1500 establishments are affected by the strike.

Restaurants in the UC area are covered by a contract with a later expiration date than those struck.

Badger told East Bay Labor Journal that Wednesday morning he received 150 offers by employers to sign contracts. Fifteen of these, he said, were from members of the East Bay Restaurant Owners Association.

The employers, said Badger, had toward the end offered to raise their bid slightly, but were told it was too late, as that wouldn't be fair to those who had signed for 5%, and the sentiment was overwhelming among the union members for the full 5%.

Wednesday the employers were going to the Superior Court asking for a preliminary injunction against picketing. Some of their leaders indicated that if they failed to get the injunction they would accept the 5% proposal of the union.

So 175 Jobs Flew To Land of Dixie!

The tendency for plants to move to the South has been denounced by the AFL-CIO, which claims it is due to the desire of employers to find cheap unorganized labor.

Recently the Lyco Machine Works, 1401 Middle Harbor road, shut down, laying off 175 workers. Walter F. Lynch, general manager, said the firm, which had been making valves under contract to the Rockwell-Nordstrom Company, had been unable to renew the lease to the building where it has been located since 1947.

So the assets and machinery were sold to the Rockwell Company, which will move the operation to Texas. Lynch says he's looking for another location.

Ada Phillips Now Mrs. Abel Silva

Abel (Blackie) Silva, business representative, Hod Carriers 166, and chairman of the Building Trades Council trustees, was married in Modesto April 26 to Ada Phillips, member of Culinary Alliance 31.

Mrs. Silva, long employed at the Studio Club, has many friends among labor people. Friends of the couple went to Modesto and attended the wedding.

Labor Women Not Registering, Says Political Leader

A meeting of the recently formed women's division of the AFL-CIO Committee for Political Education (COPE) was held this week at the Labor Temple.

Last week's meeting was very successful and had a large attendance. CLC Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx told the Central Labor Council.

Elizabeth Mackin, Office Em-

Cemetery Strike Result Declared Very Big Victory

Bill Becker, representative of the Cemetery Workers in San Francisco, told East Bay Labor Journal this week that the settlement which was finally achieved, after a prolonged strike, was a tremendous victory for the 160 workers who stood firm throughout the ordeal. The local has 180 members, but 20 of them were working at non-striking cemeteries.

The agreement achieved is for three years, retroactive to March 1. As of that date there is a 15-cent hourly boost, bringing the scale to \$17.40 per day.

But a major victory is that the so-called sectarian cemeteries, those owned by religious groups, begin paying on unemployment and disability as the other cemeteries have been doing for some years.

All the employers as of March 1 begin paying for health insurance for the worker's wife as well as for himself. This will run to \$3 or \$4 per month, depending on which of the two plans a worker is under.

Another new feature is call-in pay of two hours, that is, if a man is called in for work and gets only a little work, he must be paid for at least two hours.

Then there is an important strengthening of the seniority clause, and a provision for the supply to the workers of disinfectant soap and protective clothing for those working at removals.

Effective March 1 of next year there will be a 9-cent hourly increase, a new provision for 5-day sick leave, and an improvement in vacations. Vacations are now two weeks after one year, but under the new provision they will increase one day a year up to 10 years, when they will be three weeks.

Also next year employers will begin paying full health and welfare cost for the worker and all dependents.

In 1958 the wages will go up 6 cents an hour, and another new feature begins: 10 cents per hour pension payment.

On their return to work the union made it clear that if the striking embalmers picketed any of the cemeteries the picket line will be observed.

Becker says that altogether on the scale and fringe benefits side, "it's about a 55-cent package."

\$2.37 Billion for Labor Department

WASHINGTON (AFL-CIO) — Congress has passed and Pres. Eisenhower has signed a \$2.37 billion appropriation bill to run the Labor Dept. and the Welfare Dept. for the fiscal year beginning last July 1.

The compromise bill reported by a Joint House-Senate committee jumped funds for medical research by a whopping 80 percent. Eisenhower asked an additional \$24 million, the House raised this by \$9 million, the Senate by another \$48 million, and all these funds remained in the final earmarked \$184 million appropriation.

Machinists' Wage Boost Runs From 15½c to 33½c Hr.

Bay Area lodges of the International Association of Machinists, which had set Monday of this week as the deadline for a strike if the majority of the 9 lodges failed to accept the employers' final offer, did not find it necessary to strike.

The lodges accepted the terms offered by the California Metal Trades Association, which represents the majority of the shops. Negotiations were continued with the independent shops on the basis of the CMTA accepted agreement. But it was assumed that the independents would follow the CMTA terms, which has been their custom.

More than 6000 machinists were directly affected by the CMTA agreement, and when the independents fall in line a total of some 10,000 will be getting the new scale and fringe benefits in Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Francisco counties.

The contract is for one year, expiring July 1, 1957. Co-Chairmen of the negotiating committee are Mel Thompson of Oakland and Anthony Ballerini of San Francisco. John T. Schiavenna of Oakland, secretary of the negotiating committee, said that the advance in scale ranges from 15½ cents an hour to 33½ cents, depending on classification.

Unskilled workers in the production lodges, 1518 and 1566 in East Bay and 1327 in San Francisco, get an advance of 15½ cents an hour, bringing them to \$2.02 an hour; various degrees of skilled workers in the production lodges get boosts up to 29½ cents an hour.

The journeymen lodges, 284 in Alameda county, 824 in Contra Costa, and 68 in San Francisco, get 29½ cents an hour, bringing them to \$2.50 per hour; with the maintenance machinists in those lodges rising to \$2.64 per hour by getting the same boost.

Lodge 1173 in Contra Costa county is a mixed lodge, with members getting pay boosts according to classification. Lodge 1330 includes journeymen and welders.

Tool & Die Maker Lodge 1176 members receive an increase of 33½ cents, bringing the hourly pay to \$2.95.

The vacation clause was improved, providing for 3 weeks after 15 years. Previously it had provided merely as high as 2 weeks after 2 years.

Another fringe benefit is a \$14 per month payment on health and welfare, covering not only the worker, who was previously covered by a smaller amount, but the dependents.

Carpenters Hold Picnic on Sunday

Dr. Laurence Cross, former Mayor of Berkeley, and labor-backed candidate for Congress in the 7th District, has been invited to attend the big Carpenters' picnic Sunday, July 22, at Linda Vista Park, Mission San Jose.

Harold Schlaffer, secretary of the picnic committee, says that Dr. Cross ad labor-backed candidates for other offices will be introduced from the platform. The picnic begins at 10 a.m. a big open air floor show commences about 2 p.m. and there will be dancing from 4 to 8 p.m. During the day, races for young and old, and free candy for kids.

Schlaffer and V. V. Dart, chairman of the committee, announce that admission is 50 cents.

Since the carpenters are on strike, it is assumed that many labor people from all unions will wish to help show solidarity with them by attending their big annual picnic.

Office Union 29 And Kaiser Health

Office Employees 29 got strike sanction this week from the Central Labor Council against the Kaiser Health Plan and its hospital, and a special committee was named by the CLC executive committee to confer today (Friday) with the employer and Local 29 representatives.

President John Kinnick told East Bay Labor Journal that there have been 8 sessions with the employers, beginning in May, that the union is asking 6 cents an hour effective July 1, and another 6 cents effective July 1, 1957.

The employer has offered 3 cents July 1, 2¼ cents January 1, 1957, and 3¼ cents October 1, 1957, with the contract extended to October 1, 1958. As now drawn the contract would expire July 1, 1958.

The negotiations are under a reopening clause, but there is a provision that if an agreement cannot be reached within 30 days of the July 1 expiry date, the union can strike.

BTC: Carpenters Win 'Pattern Pact'; Hod Carrier Progress

The Building Trades Council meeting this week was enlivened and encouraged by reports of great progress made in two strikes, the Bay District Council of Carpenters having achieved a settlement with three big associations of contractors which it is expected will be the pattern for settlement with the holdout groups; and Hod Carriers 166 having signed up great numbers of the bricklaying contractors.

Full details of the settlement with three big contractors' associations were given the next morning, Wednesday, by Chester Bartalini, executive secretary, District Council of Carpenters.

The associations in agreement with the Carpenters are: Peninsula General Contractors & Builders Association, Marin Builders Association, and the Associated Home Builders of San Francisco. None of these is in Alameda county, but big contractors such as Branden and Rousseau had already signed interim agreements in this county, and many others as well, and it was believed the action of the three big associations would influence the holdouts.

Roughly the settlement could be called a 52½ cents 3-year package.

The District Council of Carpenters at its meeting Tuesday night accepted the agreement, and ordered the men back to work for the signing associations' members, but with the proviso that the settlement will be sent to referendum of the membership, returnable August 1.

Effective July 7 of this year journeymen will get an increase of 12½ cents an hour over the old scale of \$3.00. This brings journeymen to \$3.12½, and pushes to \$3.25 the hourly rate for hardwood floorlayers, shinglers, power sawyers, steel scaffolding erectors, and saw filers; and brings millwrights to \$3.32½; with all foremen getting 33 cents an hour over the rate for journeymen.

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Effective June 15, 1957, another nickel an hour is added across the board; and June 15, 1958 there is a 12½-cent per hour jump, bringing journeymen to \$3.30, the special classifications to \$3.42½, and millwrights to \$3.50.

A vacation fund is to be established by payments from employers January 1, 1957, the details to be worked out by a joint committee.

Another feature is that effective June 15, 1958, employers will pay 2½ cents per hour to be used either on wages, pension, vacations, or anything mutually satisfactory.

Prime contractors, it is agreed, shall not sublet any carpentry work in the future.

Employer financed apprenticeship coordinating plans are a feature of the interim agreements which have been signed since the strike began.

An important feature of the agreement with the three big associations is the establishment of a joint conference board so that problems can be threshed out well in advance of the expiration date of the agreement.

The vote of the District Council of Carpenters to ratify the agreement with the three associations was 99 to 23.

HOD CARRIERS
Abel Silva, Hod Carriers 166, reported that picketing of bricklaying contractors had by the close of work Tuesday brought 36 contractors to terms: 6 members of the association, 4 general contractors.

The dispute is only with the bricklaying contractors, and does not concern the plastering contractors.

The contractors which are being signed are not interim ones, but firm agreements. It's a 17-cent package, 15 cents for wages, 2 cents for health and welfare. The new scale is \$3 per hour for the bricklaying contractors.

Silva said there is a discrepancy between the scale for hod carriers working for plastering contractors and those working for bricklaying contractors. The hod carriers get \$2.23 for a 6-hour day with the plastering men, and \$4.50 per day less with the bricklaying contractors.

Hod Carriers 166 has jurisdiction over Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Silva said about 150 hod carriers are out now, but the signing of contracts is proceeding rapidly.

There is no dispute over transportation, which under the contract covers the roundtrip fare to a job at the rate of the public transportation charge, and if there are competing transportation means, the hod carrier gets the higher rate of the two; if there is no public transportation he gets mileage of 10 cents.

Plumbers were back at work this week in San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma, and Mendocino counties.

The strike lasted only 4 days. Preparations had been made by Plumbers 444 and Steamfitters 342 to cooperate if occasion arose.

Joseph P. Mazzola, business manager of Plumbers Local 38, which waged the strike, informed East Bay Labor Journal that very important parts of the new agreement are the pension plan and hospitalization features and other fringe benefits.

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Also the health and welfare plan payment by the employers is increased 2½ cents per hour, bringing the total to 12½ cents per hour effective January 1, 1957.

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On wages, the provisions are: effective July of this year: \$3.45 per hour; July 1, 1958: \$3.60 per hour. Foremen will get 50 cents per hour over journeymen's rate, and general foremen will get 75 cents.

A novel feature of the agreement is the setting up of July 1, 1957, of a compulsory savings plan to which the employer will contribute 25 cents an hour, the fund to be administered by the joint board.

Harbin Appointed Apprentice Guide
Charles F. Hanna, Chief of Division of Apprenticeship Standards, Dept. of Industrial Relations, announces the appointment of Robert C. Harbin, 1279 Peach Place, Concord, as apprenticeship consultant in the Alameda & Contra Costa County Area. He will be headquartered at the Oakland office, 1531 Webster Street. Harbin served five years regular apprenticeship and received a State Trade Certificate. Mr. Harbin is well known in the Contra Costa County area; he was associated with his father in the plumbing and pipefitting business for several years in Solano County. Harbin has been particularly active in the affairs of United Association Plumbers Local 159.

Eden Hospital's Nurses Backed by Carpenters 1622

Hayward Carpenters 1622 has adopted a resolution strongly condemning four trustees of Eden hospital for refusing to deal with employees organized in the California State Nurses Association.

The resolution praises Trustee Paul Rhodes for "the zeal he has shown for Eden hospital, those who work in it, and for his patients, and particularly for his courage in voting against the four horsemen's negative action, NOT TO NEGOTIATE WITH THEIR OWN EMPLOYEES."

The resolution, issued to the press signed by President Leon McCool and Recording Secretary Marius Waldal, says that the nurses at the hospital voted in February in an election held by the State Conciliation Service, in favor of having the California State Nurses Association represent them.

Since that time the trustees with the exception of Rhodes, the resolution continues, "and the management of Eden hospital have refused to negotiate with their employees and their official representative, the CSNA, but have referred them to their 'water boy,' the Associated Employers."

The Associated Employers, the resolution declares, "we believe to be one of the worst anti-labor organizations in the State of California."

An editorial from the *Hayward Daily Review*, appearing July 3, is quoted: "Something is wrong in Eden hospital. Complaints by the nurses against long hours and work load; and privately, by members of the medical staff against features of the hospital administration."

It seems that June 18 the nursing staff "wrote a letter to the trustees through the CSNA. They requested an immediate meeting with the trustees. The letter charged that the rapid changes in nursing personnel were caused by unsatisfactory conditions; that nursing morale was low; that they were understaffed; that many professional nurses in the area were unwilling to work at Eden until conditions were improved."

The editorial considers it strange that the trustees didn't sandwich in such a meeting with the nurses' representatives between June 12 and July 5; "they would have accommodated a responsible group, the nurses on whom the medical profession depends for good hospital care. It wasn't a claptrap request from unknowns. It could be expected that the doctors on the board would have been especially concerned. Understaffed and overworked nurses would mean less care for patients, yet Rhodes, a layman, was the only trustee who responded."

The resolution states that at the regular meeting of the trustees July 5 CSNA representatives and some of the nurses at the hospital again asked the board for "a meeting with the trustees where the nurses could state their grievances, and a contract be negotiated."

Again the trustees dumped the petitioners back on the Associated Employers.

4-County Plumber Strike at an End; Many Gains Made

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Electricians 1245 Reject PG&E Bid
A referendum vote of the membership of Electricians 1245 scattered over 46 counties of California has turned down an offer made by the Pacific Gas & Electric Company, said Ronald Weakley, financial secretary and business manager of Local 1245.

The union is asking a 25-cent hourly wage boost, various skill differentials, and some fringe benefits.

Weakley said that negotiations are being resumed. Of its 15,000 members, 14,000 in the local are PG&E employees.

Film On Scab Law Shown to Council

A film issued by AFL-CIO showing the injustices worked by the so-called "right to work" laws was run off at the meeting of the Central Labor Council this week. Labor people call such legislation "scab laws."

Second Vice President Ed Ross in the chair said he wished to express special thanks to James Perry of the Motion Picture Operators for showing the film.

Iron Workers 378 Name 6 Delegates

Out of a field of 26 candidates Iron Workers 378 chose the following six delegates to the international convention: Ray Dowling, J. E. Austin, Mack Ray, John Sadie, Dale Ray, and Arnold Pierce.

Other candidates were: George Fricke, Ralph Graham, Al Zampa, A. L. Blowers, Medrick Jacques, Gunner Anderson, Richard Smith, Jr., Howard Hall, Frank Kramer, John Graham, Frank Banks, Robert Bury, Burton McAttee, Wm. Hubbard, C. J. Rink, Kenneth Kerr, Stanley Wilczynski, Berry Phillips, Claude Jeffrey, Edward Fortier.

Assemblyman Carlos Bee acted as temporary chairman. Anga Bjornson was elected in lieu of a nominee to the State Central Committee from the 16th State Senatorial District.

HOW TO BUY

Mortgage Expense Steeper

By SIDNEY MARGOLIS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Moderate-income families are being further pushed out of the housing market by high mortgage interest rates and ballooning mortgage "fees" piled on top of higher prices for houses and land.

In many cases, the additional mortgage charges are concealed from the buyer until he "closes" the deal for the house and finds he is paying unexpectedly large fees. If he has an FHA mortgage, he must pay an often-unadvertised and unnecessarily high insurance premium for the life of the mortgage. Other concealed mortgage charges may be hidden in the price of the home itself, and may never be realized by the buyer.

Here is how mortgage costs have been jacked up by extra fees and premiums:

Closing costs now often range from \$250 to \$400. Many lenders now include under closing costs and extra "origination" fee of 1 per cent of the amount of mortgage "for expenses in arranging and closing the loan." This, of course, is in addition to mortgage interest. Other more traditional closing costs also have risen sharply. The United States Savings and Loan League reports that charges for recording mortgage and deed, appraisal and credit investigation have tripled in recent years and cost of title insurance also has risen considerably.

Closing costs vary considerably in different areas, and among different lenders. But here is a typical closing cost for an \$11,000 mortgage:

"Origination fee" of 1 per cent, \$110; survey of lot, \$20; examining title and title insurance, \$85; appraisal, \$25, and credit investigation, \$3; recording mortgage and deed, \$12. The total is \$255. In the case of an FHA mortgage, the mortgage insurance premium for the first year would add another \$55, for a total of \$310. This does not include deposits required for taxes and property insurance, which would raise the closing costs another \$125 to \$200, but are actually a prepayment of anticipated ex-

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NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY DECEDED TO THE STATE FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Tax Collector of the County of Alameda, State of California, in accordance with the provisions of Division 1, Chapter 6, Sections 3797, 3798 and 3799 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and the written authorization and direction of the State Controller, dated June 14, 1956, as follows:
That the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, a body corporate and politic, has entered into an agreement with the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, State of California, subject to approval by the State Controller, for the purchase of certain tax-deeded property described in said agreement; and
That the State Controller has approved said agreement and a copy is on file in the office of the Board of Supervisors;
That pursuant to said agreement the undersigned Tax Collector will, not less than 21 days after the first publication or the mailing to the last assessee at his last known address of a copy of this notice, whichever is later, deed said property to the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, a body corporate and politic.
Unless the property is redeemed or an installment plan of redemption is initiated before it is sold, the right of redemption will cease.
The real property referred to and contained in said agreement is situated in Eden Township, County of Alameda, State of California and is substantially described as follows:
Deed No. 142182, in Eden Township, Map of the Creek Tract of the Meek Estate, All por of Lot 15 of Meek Creek Tract lying bet a pt 9.67 ft in S in Lot 15 NW in ext NE to cen San Lorenzo Creek and down sd creek to in of Cherryland Inc. ext. Por of Lot 16, exc por assessed to other owners of record, Account No. 81A-32-8 and 9, Last assessed to H. W. Meek Est. Inc. Corp. Minimum price \$141.00.
For information as to the amount necessary to redeem or to pay the delinquent taxes in installments, apply to Eugene V. Waring, Redemption Officer of said County of Alameda, State of California, at the Court House in Oakland.
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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

LONG AGO, when the majority of Americans lived on farms, and towns were few and far between, the peddler was a common and welcome sight at the door of many a farm house.

Opening his battered case loaded with notions, pieces of yardage and other small luxuries and necessities of life, he was pretty certain to make a sale every place he stopped.

As cities grew and more people left the farms to live in them, the old-time peddler pretty well vanished from the scene.

In his place, however, there has grown up a door-to-door selling business that would make that poor old chap's eyes pop out.

In spite of the fact that most people nowadays seem to swarm into stores in every town and city, door-to-door selling now grosses some three and a half billion dollars a year. Cookware, curtains, lingerie, toilet articles and items too numerous to mention are now in the "peddler's pack."

It is, however, no longer individual enterprise, as it was in the old days. Big companies blanket the nation, so many, in fact that they have formed the "National Association of Direct Selling Companies."

Over a million people are engaged in this work. Some are college students, working part time to get through college. Others are housewives, using spare time to earn extra money. Many, however, are full time salespersons, and these are the kind most companies want. It is said that some can earn as much as \$10,000 a year.

Techniques have changed. Doorbells are not just rung at random. Contacts are made by reference from one customer to another, or by telephone.

While many busy folk do not like to have their time taken by a salesman at the door, many people like it. It is a friendly, folksy way to shop, they feel, and a welcome break in the day's dull routine.

People don't change much, it seems, and ancient folkways, once abandoned, have ways of cropping up in new forms in this still-growing country of ours.

Right to Scab Is Failure, Montana

HELENA, MONT. (AFLCIO)—"Right-to-scab" proponents were handed a stunning setback in their efforts to put a so-called "right-to-work" proposal on the Montana ballot next November.

In Montana, when the July 5 deadline for filing signatures supporting the initiative with the Secretary of State rolled around, less than a third of the number required for certifying an initiative proposal to the voters had been obtained. The Montana Right-to-Work Association filed only 5,636 signatures as against the required minimum of 21,104.

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That the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, a body corporate and politic, has entered into an agreement with the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, State of California, subject to approval by the State Controller, for the purchase of certain tax-deeded property described in said agreement; and
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160-Acre Water Clause Menaced, State Fed Warns

The House of Representatives recently gave final approval to a Senate-House compromise on HR 5881, the so-called small water projects bill for western reclamation states authorized by Clair Engle (D., California) which would undo the 55-year old 160-acre rule in reclamation law, says the State Federation Newsletter.

Under the bill, interest-free loans of up to \$5,000,000 could be made on water and power projects of local public agencies approved by the Department of the Interior. An overall limit of \$10,000,000 on project costs is set in the bill.

Rather than applying the standard provisions of the excess lands law, the bill contains the so-called "Engle formula" in which an individual landowner would be permitted to buy water for land in excess of 160 acres if he paid the interest on that portion of the loan which enabled him to get the extra water.

At the present, reclamation law prohibits sale of extra water from federal reclamation projects for use on lands held by one owner in excess of 160 acres for himself, or 320 acres for man and wife.

The inclusion of the Engle formula in the small projects bill—if it becomes law—is expected to set a far-reaching precedent which will be applied to other reclamation projects, such as the San Luis Project on the west side of San Joaquin Valley.

The Engle formula to compromise away the half-century old law against monopoly was proposed by him a few years ago in a major address before the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco.

Child-rearing 'Creative'

Mothers who feel they have no particular creative abilities and fret about their youngsters' artistic talents should take self-inventory. In the opinion of one artist-designer, even the least imaginative of homemakers "creates" something every day—with scissors, paint brush, needle, scotch tape, hammer or egg-beater.

The mother who beams with satisfaction at such handiwork as made-over curtains is not concerned whether her method was the "one right way," the designer observed recently. Rather, it is "her way." This kind of independent approach should apply, she believes, to youthful arts and crafts pursuits.

In her estimation, mothers have heard the words "create" and "art" so often that they misunderstand the very essence of creativeness. She feels it is in its truest sense, the recreation and fun enjoyed in "making something on one's own."

EARNINGS of California factory workers rose to new all-time highs in May, Ernest B. Webb, California Director of Industrial Relations, announced. Factory workers in the State earned a record average of \$2.21 per hour in May, up 11 cents from May a year ago.

JOE CURRAN has been re-elected president of the National Maritime Union, defeating C. Abar of S.F.

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To The Ladies FROM THE EDITOR

WOMEN IN POLITICS display great energy, once they're interested, said Margaret Thornburgh when here recently for the AFLCIO to help get a women's division of the united labor movement's political drive launched.

But a great many women, wives of unionists, or themselves members of unions, are slow to realize the need for political activity, she said.

That's not surprising, considering the large number of men unionists who don't even register to vote. But while it may not be surprising, it's a condition to remove or improve if possible.

WHAT UNIONS GAIN for the support of labor families through collective bargaining and strikes can easily be lost through the passage of one law. That is something that more and more labor people are realizing every year. So why not elect men who won't pass such harmful laws?

As our women increasingly realize this, they'll become more active here as elsewhere in political work.

POLITICAL WORK can be as simple as this: to talk to your friends and neighbors about what you think needs to be done for the good of the majority of the people of this country.

Another simple and easy thing to do is to attend meetings of the new AFLCIO women's political division here when you see such meetings announced. That way you learn what other women are doing, and get ideas which make your own political work easier.

Household Hints

Use the Silver! The finest silversmiths urge homemakers to use their "good" silver every day, in order to develop those infinitesimal nicks and scratches which form the patina silver can't acquire any other way. Silver that's in daily use doesn't need much polishing; washing in hot soap or detergent suds, then rinsing in hot water, keeps it shiny and lovely.

Iron embossed cottons on the wrong side, and with a turkish towel under them, to keep the embossed surface from becoming flat.

If your home is heated with gravity warm air, a portable electric fan placed near the central register on a bookshelf or similar high object can be a great help in pushing the warmed air where it is needed most.

Old automobile license plates can make colorful wall decorations for a basement play room.

Sweetened whipped cream with strained honey for new flavor and to keep the whipped cream firm longer.

To remove adhesive tape stains from cotton fabric apply kerosene, wash in soapsuds.

AFLCIO TEACHERS and the University of California Institute of Industrial Relations will sponsor a two-day conference August 3-4 on the Berkeley campus.

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Labor Men Active In Plan to Bring Industries Here

Three AFL-CIO men served on the 22-member special committee of citizens which has turned in a report to the Board of Supervisors on new methods which should be adopted to encourage industries to locate in Alameda county.

The Industrial Fact Finding Committee was set up due to the disappointment felt when in May the huge new General Motors plant decided to settle in Sunnyvale rather than in Alameda county.

The committee was headed by R. T. Nahas, builder and developer, of Castro Valley. Various subcommittees were named, and Jack Kopke, Paint Makers 1101, was made chairman of the subcommittee on Highways, Freeways, and County Roads. This group urged:—"All city and county agencies should vigorously initiate and support plans to further county and regional freeways. To such should be added high capacity feeder streets and adequate parking facilities in all commercial and industrial areas."

Chester Bartolini, Carpenters 36, executive secretary, District Council of Carpenters, was on the subcommittee for Zoning, Ordinances, and Practices, which contended that "present zoning ordinances give no protection whatsoever to industry and consequently retard industrial development, inasmuch as residences or other types of non-industrial development can encroach on industrial zoned land."

Frank A. Robello, international representative, United Auto Workers, was on the subcommittee on industrial Research, which declared that "Alameda County should assume the leadership in the creation of an industrial development plan for the entire county, including incorporated areas."

Chairman Nahas, speaking for the entire committee, told the Supervisors:

"At the present time, Alameda County is not competitive (in the attraction of industries) . . . and will continue to lose out to more progressive neighboring communities unless an effective program is begun as soon as possible."

"No area can encourage stable industrial growth without a long-range program. Lack of advance planning and a dynamic program to carry out the plans will jeopardize public and private investments and weaken the economic base of the community."

"In the matter of attracting desirable industrial development, we are sellers in a buyer's market. Communities which do not create and maintain planned industrial districts cannot be considered as serious competitors in the field of industrial development."

"At present, we are fighting with our hands tied behind our backs."

SENATOR GOLDWATER'S EYESIGHT FAILS HIM

Senator Goldwater, (R, Ariz.) told the Senate that while he had been critical of some articles in the nation's press, "I have never found this press to be a one-party press."

Up The Ladder With Painters No. 40

Painters 40 Will Elect Delegates

By BEN RASNICK

Our next regularly scheduled meeting, July 27th will be a special called meeting to nominate and elect one delegate to the District Council of Painters No. 16, and one or more delegates to the State Federation Convention. We will also vote on two local union proposed assessments.

I hope that by the time you read this article you will have noticed some change in the activities of the business agents. Up to now I haven't noticed any difference but then, such a change as we have made in our district council looks tremendous on paper but it will be some time before the full value of that change becomes apparent. I know that we will do everything in our power to help the business agents and our sec. treasurer, but should any of them fail in their appointed duties, I'm going to be first in line to vote that one out of office. You know, when you pay a business agent \$120.00 or \$130.00 per week, you can overlook some of their shortcomings, but when their weekly pay approximates \$200.00, I don't think there will be any scarcity of candidates for those jobs.

Knowing our sec. treas. and the five business agents I am sure they will do their utmost to give the rank and file the service they are paying for.

I just wanted to bring it to the brothers attention that the term of office for these people is for one year. Your vote could be a powerful thing so if you use it, use it wisely.

As a member of the District Council No. 16 Election Board I had the pleasure of visiting most of our painters locals and some of the autonomous locals (Sign Painters, Auto and Ship Painters, Paint Makers, etc.) and I would like to say that our committee was received very well by each one. The majority of the brothers can't seem to attend their own local union meetings so the suggestion that they visit some of the other locals may seem a bit facetious. However if you find the time I'm sure that you and those you visit with would benefit.

Just a reminder to the members of Painters Local No. 40: Your third quarter dues, insurance and assessments total \$19.80 and are now due. It is rumored that the business representatives are checking the quarterly working cards? Heavens to Elizabeth! What innovations will they think of next? Seriously, I would hate to see any of the brothers taken off the job because their dues aren't paid up. Incidentally, if some of the brothers are unhappy because their dues have increased \$3.75 per quarter, just think about the \$75.00 increase in your salary per quarter. Worth it? You bet it is. I'll trade \$3.75 for \$75.00 anytime.

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To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

Steamfitters 342

This is to advise the membership of Steamfitters Union No. 342 that our next meeting, to be held on Thursday, Aug. 2, 1956, will be a special called meeting for the purpose of acting on the resolution pertaining to financial matters, and election of delegates to the State Federation of Labor Convention, to be held in Long Beach.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Financial Sec'y, Bus. Mgr.

Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 216

Death Assessment Nos. 393 and 394 are now due and payable. Brother Charles C. Walter, No. 131093, a member of Local No. 273, Santa Barbara, passed away on April 10, 1956 and Brother Fred E. McCormick, No. 73386, a member of Local No. 108, Los Angeles passed away on May 11, 1956.

Fraternally yours,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

Hayward Painters 1173

We're scheduled to attend another regular meeting come July 20, Friday night, beginning at 8 p.m. The attendance at the last three or four meetings have been gratifying to all of us. Keep it up.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Carpenters' Picnic

Alameda County Carpenters Locals will hold their joint picnic Sunday, July 22, 1956, at Linda Vista Park, Mission San Jose. Everybody knows Carpenters have a wonderful picnic. Big, open-air floor show with high class talent. Dancing in ballroom, races for young and old. Free candy for kids.

Hoping to see all the friends of the Carpenters on Sunday, July 22, 1956, at Mission San Jose below Niles. A good time all.

Yours fraternally,
PICNIC COMMITTEE

District Council of Painters 16

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Effective as of July 1, 1956 the Bay Area Painters Welfare Fund is beginning a new policy year.

We wish to remind the members that all bills incurred for claims PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 1956, MUST BE IN THE OFFICE OF THE BAY AREA PAINTERS WELFARE FUND ON OR BEFORE SEPT. 30, 1956.

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Get your bills in before Sept. 30, 1956.

Fraternally yours,
FLOYD PEASLEE,
Executive Secretary

Painters Local Union No. 40

Our next regularly scheduled meeting July 27th has been designated a special meeting to vote on two proposed local union assessments and to nominate and elect one delegate to District Council No. 16, and to nominate and elect one or more delegates to the State Federation of Labor Convention. The meeting will be called to order at 8:00 P.M. at our regular meeting hall at 2051 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley.

Please make every effort to attend.

Fraternally yours,
BEN RASNICK,
Recording Secretary

Painters Local 127 Special Notice!

The next regular meeting will be held on July 26th, 1956. There will be a good report on the progress of the new District Council System.

Be sure to carry your Building Trades Card while working, these are the new orders from the Council, or the Business Agents will be obligated to send you back to your Local to get your CARD.

There are several Verified Dues Books in the Office, please come in and get yours.

Fraternally yours,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

Millmen 550

Attention of members is called to the fact that the big Annual Carpenters' Picnic, to be held Sunday, July 22, at Linda Vista Park, Mission San Jose, is for the Millmen as well as for other local unions of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters.

Tickets will be available at Millmen 550's meeting Friday night, July 20. Members are cordially urged to attend the Carpenters' picnic.

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Dressing Room Chatter

More About Retro To Theater B-82

By JOE CONNELLY

This column is practically a repeat of last week's with a few up to date revisions. Retroactive checks are ready for distribution for present employees of the following United California Theatres (formerly Golden State): Broadway, Central, Del Mar, Elmwood, Fairfax, Fruitvale, Granada, Hayward, Laurel, Lorenzo, and Ritz.

Former employees of these houses may obtain checks at the office of District Manager, Mr. Frank Galvin between the hours of 9:45 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.; Monday through Friday. His office is located in the Fruitvale Theatre Building, 3720 E. 14th St., Oakland. Phone KEllog 4-1442. If you are unable to contact his office during these hours, apply to Mr. Clifford Coite, Manager of the Fruitvale Theatre, during regular theatre business hours. Phone KEllog 3-6726.

While this gives former employees 12-14 hours that they should be able to contact one of these persons, it would be wise to call in advance, as there are days off, meal times, and other factors that could possibly preclude one of these men from being in their respective places at the hours mentioned above.

If you are a former employee of any of the above named theatres, and worked after March 1, 1956 you are probably eligible for retroactive pay.

Last week we stated in error that checks were ready for distribution at the United Artists Theatres in Berkeley and Richmond. This was due to the fact that United California Theatres also operate these United Artists houses. These checks should be ready in about a week, according to Mr. Galvin. The important difference is that both present and former employees of these houses should apply directly to the U.A. theatre involved.

That is the way the situation stands on the retroactive check situation this week.

Some of the members protest that we devote too much time to covering the subject of retroactive checks in this column.

The protests come from members who have received their retroactive checks. As we pointed out previously this is an important matter involving an estimated \$20,000.00 in back pay to members and former members, and others who worked under our jurisdiction.

You will continue to be informed as additional checks are available. Fortunately the end is almost in sight.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Labor Women Not Registering, Says Political Leader

(Continued from Page 1)

so that the family could become more interested in the union to which the man belongs. He felt that the men did not talk at home enough about the political efforts of labor, and there is a great need for coordinating the work front with the home front politically.

Marge Franz, Office Employees 29, chairman of the meeting, pointed out that Alameda county has a population of about 353,000 and that there should be some 500,000 registered and eligible to vote, but there are only about 379,000. This meant a big job of getting citizens registered, and undoubtedly many of those now not registered are labor people.

Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Central Labor Council, and also secretary of the Alameda County Voters League - AFL, said that after checking with County Clerk Jack Blue he estimates there are some 140,000 citizens in the county eligible for registration who are not registered.

Greta Marie Reese of the Glass Bottle Blowers introduced Mrs. Thornburgh, as Mrs. Thornburgh has for years been an active worker and officer in an Oklahoma local of that international.

Sister Reese spoke with great feeling of her long association with Margaret Thornburgh in the union.

Mrs. Thornburgh in emphasizing the importance of labor women registering said that a survey made in one silk stock district in ICFU regions in less highly developed areas. ICFU courses, supplementing work at the union or national level, contributes an awareness of the international labor movement.

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ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Two hundred members of the Electrical Workers Local 297 went on strike June 7 after the firm said "no" to demands for a wage increase. With 38 percent of those employees having some physical handicap, labor relations at the plant were almost non-existent until the union was formed.

"It was a shame the way those people were pushed around," one striker said, "but they had to take it, they were so glad to have any job at all."

Watch It With Watchmakers

Watchmakers Plan Important Meet

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We have signed a new agreement with Sampson & Masters Inc., at 209 Post Street, San Francisco.

ATTENTION SAN FRANCISCO-EAST BAY MEMBERS

Inasmuch as the August meeting will be too late to give the employers the sixty day notice required in the union agreement for re-opening of the contract, it is necessary that this action be taken at the membership meeting which will be held on Thursday, July 26th, at 7:30 p.m. Native Sons Hall, 414 Mason Street, San Francisco.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE

The final assessment will be payable for the month of July. Beginning with August, there will be no assessment.

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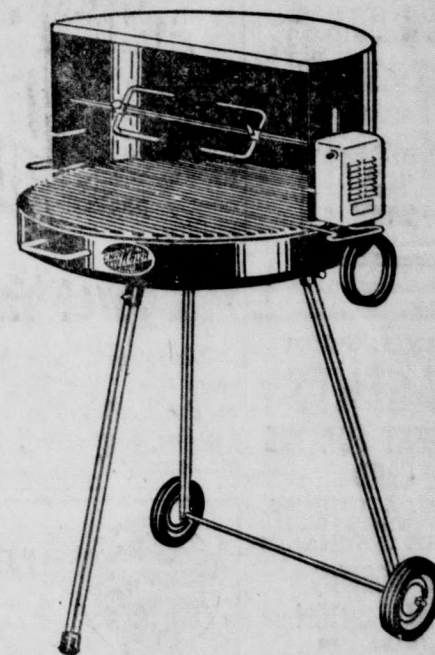
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OPINIONS

HE NEVER SHRANK

Mr. Truman had to make many choices in situations in which there was no right way, but only an assortment of wrong ones—the situations proliferated by war and war's aftermath. * * * It takes uncommon steadiness of mind to commit a nation to a choice between evils and, having made the choice, neither to misrepresent it nor to wallow in regrets and unnerving doubts. If any one thing seems more nearly certain than another about Harry Truman as President, it is that he never shrank from a necessary choice.—Louis W. Koenig in "The Truman Administration: Its Principles and Practice."

TEACHERS' PAY

OUCH! Did that 3½ per cent salary hike in the school department have to extend through all of the top administrative brackets? Aside from Superintendent Selmer Berg, most of the administrative salaries were raised to a new high—even newly hired public relations man F. Wayne Flinn, who was hired at an \$11,500 for an 11 months work year, will enjoy the increase before he's ever pushed a pencil public relation-wise.

If the raise hadn't included top administrative brass, the teachers could have had a 4 per cent raise as originally planned.—Alameda County Observer.

TONSorialist

No matter how expert he may be with scissors and clippers, a barber won't become a high-class tonsorialist unless he clears his shop of saucy magazines and stocks more intellectual literature.—Conrad V. Mangiacio, president of the Connecticut Master Barbers Association.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Some young husbands and wives need to beat each other to remove certain complexes. These canings and slappings relieve tensions and put couples more at their ease during the first months of married life.—The Rev. Francis W. McCaskill of Glasgow, Scotland.

WHY WE SPEED

The thrill everyone feels from swift acceleration and speed may be based on a desire to recapture the past delights of infancy such as being rocked, tossed, dandled or swung by mother.—Dr. Max Hayman, Compton, Calif., Sanitarium.

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EDITORIALS

Why the 8-Column Headlines?

Just why most of the daily papers thought the "news" that General Eisenhower was going to run again for the Presidency rated an 8-column headline is a mystery that must be left to experts in editorial psychiatry.

Every American past the age of 3½ knew he was going to run again. If he didn't, a certain unpopular grand old party would be blasted out of the polling booths in November. Big corporations put retired Generals on their boards of directors as a front. Surely the U. S. is a big enough corporation to afford the same kind of a front—so goes the reasoning of the GOP leaders.

Congressman Joseph W. Martin, House minority leader, unintentionally by a slip of the tongue said the other day that a certain policy was based on "the judgment of the President and General Motors." He meant to say "General Staff," but he spoke more truthfully than he meant. And it is certainly the judgment of General Eisenhower and General Motors that only a famous front man can pull the unpopular grand old party through.

Robert J. Donovan, the journalist who was given the run of the Cabinet minutes and other confidential documents when he was writing his new book, "Eisenhower: The Inside Story," tells about one Cabinet meeting where "the President cut through this talk to ask what was the Administration doing to get legislation through Congress."

Can you imagine Harry Truman or Franklin Roosevelt asking his cabinet what "the Administration" was doing about legislation? But front men for big corporate enterprises can't be expected to keep in touch with such matters, of course.

Mr. Hennessy's Press Agent

When the carpenters went on strike John I. Hennessy, chief spokesman for the employers' Associated Home Builders, wrote a "letter" to William W. Hoffman, president of the Oakland Board of Education. In that "letter" he contended that if the carpenters won the strike, "a major portion of your construction will be placed in jeopardy unless your board can find some way of obtaining more tax dollars from the public."

Hennessy implies that the \$40,000,000 school bonds adopted in June by the voters of Oakland will disappear in smoke if the carpenters get an increase, but that "the Associated Home Builders of the Greater Eastbay, Inc., will do its best in this situation as it has and will in all others, to see that the outcome is in the public interest." He contends that the employers, in resisting the carpenters, are "acting in your and the public's interest as well as our own."

The implication here is that all collective bargaining should cease until the schools get built, and that school authorities and the taxpayers public are to accept the Home Builders' resistance to the union as a sign of civic righteousness.

The carpenters undoubtedly have more children in the public school system than do the members of the Home Builders. They are therefore greatly interested in seeing the schools in order. It is doubtful, to put it mildly, that the carpenters went on strike in an effort to wreck the school system.

Voting for school bonds is part of the American system, and so is collective bargaining, with the strikes that sometimes follow collective bargaining. We doubt very much if Mr. Hennessy's "letter," or, to give it a more correct name, the handout some supersmart press agent wrote for him, will convince anyone that all normal economic activities, including collective bargaining, should be suspended because school bonds have been voted.

Nor will many people take seriously Mr. Hennessy's implication that the employers' associations are the heaven-appointed guardian of the public interest.

Casey Was a Republican, Yes Sir!

K. C. Adams, known among friends as "Casey" Adams, died recently at his home in Florida, aged 69. He served the United Mine Workers in various capacities for many years, and had long been editor of its Journal, going into semi-retirement in 1948, but continuing to write its hit 'em hard editorials until three years ago.

Casey Adams, though born in Mississippi, was no fair-weather Republican. He was so devoted to the Republican cause that when John L. Lewis, his longtime friend and associate, supported Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1936, Casey couldn't take it, and quit the paper and the United Mine Workers' staff. When John L. made his famous speech in 1940, supporting Wilkie against FDR, back went Casey to his old job, and joyously lambasted FDR in the campaign which ensued.

There's nothing in the labor movement quite like the United Mine Workers, or like John L., or like Casey Adams. Rugged all, respected all, and confoundingly troublesome all to anyone who wishes to get human beings tightly and neatly packed in sardine cans of conformity and predictability.

Margaret Thornburgh's Sound Advice

Margaret Thornburgh, AFL-CIO women's political leader, says that "the first job is to convert our own labor people to the realization of the need for political activity. Once they're converted, they'll convert people outside the labor movement."

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Oakland Firemen's Unions Asked For Ball On July 25th Wage Information

The 25th Annual Fireman's Ball for the Oakland Fire Association will be held at the Oakland Auditorium, Saturday, July 28, 1956 at 8:00 p.m. This annual variety show and ball is held for the benefit of widows and orphans.

A 2-hour show, consisting of eight outstanding acts, will be followed by dancing to the music of Don Frank's orchestra until 1:00 a.m.

Admission is \$1. Children under 12 free.

The committee assisting the president of the O.F.D. Relief Fund Association, Chief Basch, is: Chief Elmer Crowell, Chief Robert Costa, Captains Charles Bannworth and James McMillan, Engineer Howard Wright, Hosemen Richard Cadigan and William McHugh.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH A. McDONOUGH of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor has been named a member of the board of trustees of Pennsylvania State University by Gov. George M. Leader.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

ILWU Still Seeks That Same 'Peace'

The executive board of the Independent International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union headed by Harry Bridges has decided that neither the Republican nor Democratic candidates for the Presidency are worth bothering with.

The executive board, which has long favored closer relations with Russia, said in its statement:

"We have so far seen or heard nothing from any of the Presidential aspirants of either party which holds out the promise of moving our country more resolutely along the road toward world peace."

COMMONWEALTH CLUB, by a majority of nearly 5 to 1, has gone on record as believing that "the advantages of U.S. membership in the U.N. outweigh the disadvantages." By a slightly greater majority (1584 to 304) the club favored the U.S. continuing membership in the U.N. "as now organized and functioning."

Contract data should be sent to James P. Mitchell, Secretary of Labor, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.

Pitts to Head Up South Fed Office

Opening of a southern California branch office of the California branch office of the California State Federation of Labor has been announced by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the state AFL organization.

Haggerty said that Thomas L. Pitts, State Federation president, has been named to head the new office which will open August 1 at 530 West Sixth Street in Los Angeles.

Curtis J. Hyans has also been assigned to the new southern California unit, Haggerty said. Headquarters of the California State Federation of Labor have been in San Francisco since founding of the organization in 1901.

Haggerty said the increasing importance of southern California as a trade union center made the creation of a district office in Los Angeles imperative.

Pitts, a longtime State Federation official, has been state AFL president since 1950.

He was first elected to the State Federation executive council in 1941 as a vice president from the Los Angeles district.

In accepting his new post, Pitts will take a leave of absence from his present job as secretary of Wholesale Delivery Drivers, Local 848, Los Angeles.

CTU Helped Kill The Parasite Law

President Larry Ross of Commercial Telegraphers 208 is proud of the part a member of a sister local in New Iberia, La., played in getting the State's "right to work" law repealed.

A. J. Provost, CTU representative in New Iberia, felt the real name of the law should have been "the labor parasite law."

"In Louisiana," he said, "we expect each man to pay his share of the benefits he enjoys. There's no room here for labor parasites." He worked untiringly for the repeal of the law.

Provost pointed out in his arguments that joining a union is not forced on anyone.

"Joining a union is a condition of employment," Provost said, "just like the climate, the location, the kind of people you have to work with, the attitude of the supervisors and various other situations."

"If you don't like the climate you go elsewhere to work and if you don't like the union you go elsewhere to work. There is no law that forces a man to work in an undesirable place against his will."

CONSTRUCTION activity rose to \$20 billion during the first 6 months this year, a new high for the period.

Merge Committee Is Meeting Again

The 20-member state AFL-CIO merger committee will meet July 17-18 in San Francisco, it was announced by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor.

The sessions will be the third in a series held this year to effect merger of the State Federation and the CIO California Industrial Union Council.

As a result of the May meetings on the merger question, the state AFL executive council has voted to seek 1956 convention authority for calling of a special merger convention if the occasion warrants.

The national AFL-CIO has given state and city federations two years in which to merge. The two-year period will expire in December, 1957.

I. Q. Kept Secret

By a 3-2 vote, the Berkely Board of Education has decided that the results of I. Q. and other "special" tests should not be disclosed to parents. However, when parents request them, they may learn the results of all the "standardized" achievement tests.

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